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SUBJECT: VISIT OF IEU DEPUTY DIRECTOR SCANLAN:
CULTURAL CENTERS

REF: USIA 31841 CIRCULAR

1. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SCANLAN TO INFORM THE POLES, PREFERABLY DURING AN APPOINTMENT WITH VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI, THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN AN ARRANGEMENT FOR THE OPENING OF AN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER IN POLAND AND A POLISH CENTER IN THE UNITED STATES ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS. BEFORE WE CAN PRESENT A NOTE FORMALLY PROPOSING THIS, WE WILL NEED CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY, WHICH WE BELIEVE CAN BE OBTAINED RELATIVELY QUICKLY. IN THE MEANTIME, WE CAN USE SCANLAN'S VISIT TO SOUND OUT THE POLES INFORMALLY.

2. THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES SCANLAN'S AUTHORITY TO DO
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THIS. HE SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- EXPRESS OUR INTEREST IN DISCUSSING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER IN POLAND, AS AN IMPROVEMENT TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

-- INDICATE WE WOULD LIKE TO OPEN AN AMERICAN

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CULTURAL CENTER IN WARSAW WHICH WOULD BE ESTABLISHED
ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS WITH ONE TO BE OPENED BY THE
POLES IN AN AMERICAN CITY OF THEIR CHOICE.

-- SUGGEST THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY WANT TO DISCUSS THIS
FURTHER DURING HIS VISIT AND THAT IF THE POLES ARE
AGREEABLE, WE COULD BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS SOON AFTERWARDS
BY A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FORMALLY PRESENTING OUR PROPOSAL.

-- (IF RAISED) EMPHASIZE THAT WE DO NOT SEE THIS AS IN
ANY WAY CONSTITUTING A FORMAL CULTURAL AGREEMENT, WHICH
WE REGARD AS UNNECESSARY TO OUR ALREADY EXPANDING
CULTURAL RELATIONS. VANCE

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